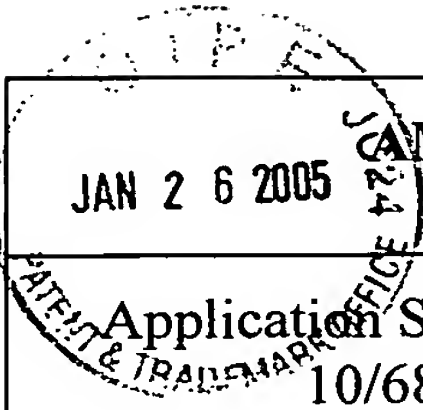
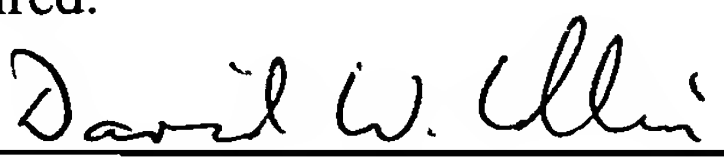
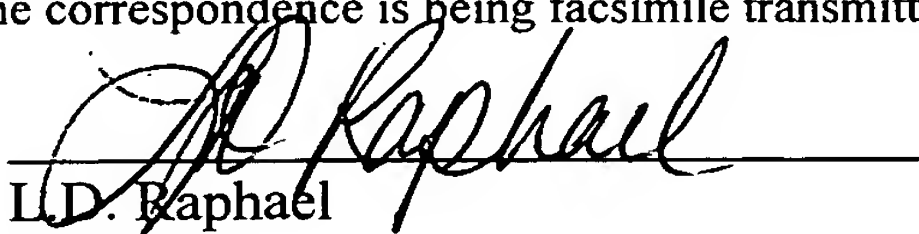


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TO THE COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS: Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application. The fee has been calculated as shown below.							
CLAIMS AS AMENDED							
	CLAIMS REMAINING AFTER AMENDMENT		HIGHEST NUMBER PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR	NO. OF EXTRA CLAIMS PRESENT	RATE	ADDITIONAL FEE	
TOTAL CLAIMS	10	MINUS	20	0	\$25	\$ 0.00	
INDEP. CLAIMS	2	MINUS	3	0	\$100	\$ 0.00	
_____ Petition is hereby made under 37 CFR 1.136(a) to extend the time for response to the Office Action of <u>11/2/2004</u> to and through _____, comprising an extension of the shortened statutory period of:							
<div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between;"> <div style="width: 45%;"> _____ one month (\$55.00) _____ two months (\$210.00) </div> <div style="width: 45%;"> _____ three months (\$475.00) _____ four months (\$740.00) </div> </div>							
TOTAL ADDITIONAL FEE FOR THIS AMENDMENT						0	
<p><u> X </u> Small entity status of this application under 37 CFR 1.9 and 1.27 has been established by a verified statement previously submitted.</p> <p>_____ A verified statement to establish small entity status under 37 CFR 1.9 and 1.27 is enclosed.</p> <p>_____ A check in the amount of \$ _____ is attached.</p> <p>_____ Charge \$ _____ to Deposit Account _____.</p> <p><u> X </u> No additional fee is required.</p> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between; margin-top: 20px;"> <div style="width: 30%;"> <p><u>Jan. 26, 2005</u> date</p> </div> <div style="width: 30%; text-align: center;">  David W. Collins Reg. No. 26857 </div> </div> <p style="margin-top: 20px;">I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the United States Postal Service with sufficient postage for express mail EV 583753906 in an envelope addressed to the Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450, or the correspondence is being facsimile transmitted to the USPTO, on .</p> <div style="text-align: center; margin-top: 20px;">  L.D. Raphael </div>							

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AMENDMENT

Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action dated November 2, 2004, rejecting Claims 1-6 and 8-13 and objecting to Claims 7 and 14 in the above-identified patent application. Please amend the application as follows, wherein amendments to the claims begin on page 2 hereof and Remarks begin on page 5 hereof: